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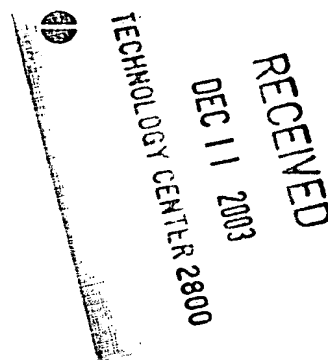
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of) Group Art Unit: 2833
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HOBSON ET AL.) Examiner: Truc T.T. Nguyen
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Application No. 10/032,324) TYCO ELECTRONICS CORPORATION
) 307 Constitution Drive
Filed: December 20, 2001) Menlo Park, CA 94025
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For: ADJUSTABLE SEALABLE) December 1, 2003
CONNECTOR)

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Sir:



This Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed to ensure that amendments made to the claims in the Reply to a final rejection mailed September 2, 2003 are entered. An Advisory Action from the Examiner indicated that the proposed amendments would not be entered, as they would require further consideration and/or search. A Notice of Appeal was filed with the September 2, 2003 Reply. No appeal brief will be filed, as this RCE is being submitted. An extension of one month for reply is requested; please charge the fee for this extension (\$110) to Deposit Account No. 18-0560. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to this deposit account. Reconsideration, re-examination, and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the Amendments and Remarks below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2. Remarks begin on page 5.

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